

Frankford Arsenal, Building 312  
Northeast corner of Walbach Street and Monroe Road  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: Northeast corner of Walbach Street and Monroe Road  
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1943

Significance: Building 312 is associated with the extensive infrastructure of roads, utilities and services that supported the principal functions of Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition.

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## **HISTORY**

Building 312 was completed in 1943 for use as a firehouse. Alterations in 1953 included the interior stainless steel paneling for the building's conversion to an isotopes laboratory (known as the Pitman-Dunn Laboratory). It was last used as a storage facility.

## **DESCRIPTION**

One-story brick building with hipped slate roof and open eaves. One-story brick additions with shed roofs on the north and east sides. Vents and motor-driven exhausts are located on the roof. At the southeast corner is a loading area with a flat roof. Windows have six-over-six sash with brick segmented arches and stone or concrete sills. The interior is divided into small rooms with stainless steel paneled walls, concrete floor, plaster ceilings, and blast-proof lights.

## **SOURCE**

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979).

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